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Anne Hersch, Assistant Community Development Department Director City of Dublin 100 Civic Plaza Dublin, CA 94568

## Re: Hexcel Redevelopment Project – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Anne Hersch:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Hexcel Redevelopment Project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system.

The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the August 2023 DEIR.

# **Project Understanding**

The proposed project would construct a new 125,304-square-foot building. The existing Hexcel research and development (R&D) building would be demolished and replaced with the proposed building that caters to future tenants in the R&D and life sciences field. This 8.81-acre project site is located adjacent to an elevated portion of I-580.

### **Travel Demand Analysis**

With the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 743, Caltrans is focused on maximizing efficient development patterns, innovative travel demand reduction strategies, and multimodal improvements. For more information on how Caltrans assesses Transportation Impact Studies, please review Caltrans' Transportation Impact Study Guide (link).

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The project's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory and the City's Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines. Per the IS/MND, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact, therefore working towards meeting the State's VMT reduction goals.

## **Construction-Related Impacts**

Potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way (ROW) from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits (link). Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

## **Equitable Access**

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or for future project referrals, please contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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